

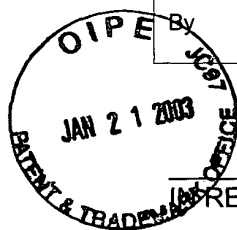
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002 in the subject patent application.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims in Groups I-VI under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-3 and 19) with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter and any other patentable subject matter disclosed in the specification.

Based on the foregoing, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Such prompt and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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